



# Pif-paf-poltrie's Quest for Marriage

Once upon a time, there was a man named Pif-paf-poltrie who wanted to marry a girl named Katrinelje. To ask for her hand in marriage, he first went to see her father, Father Hollenthe. Father Hollenthe said Pif-paf-poltrie could marry his daughter if her mother, brother, sister, and Katrinelje herself agreed.

So, Pif-paf-poltrie went to find Katrinelje's mother, Mother Malcho, who was in the cow-house milking the cow. She also said he could marry Katrinelje if the rest of the family agreed.

Next, he found Katrinelje's brother, Brother High-and-Mighty, chopping wood in a room. He also agreed but said the decision depended on the other family members.

Then, Pif-paf-poltrie met Katrinelje's sister, Sister Käsetraut, who was in the garden cutting cabbages. She too agreed but said the final decision was up to the family.

Finally, Pif-paf-poltrie found Katrinelje counting money in her room. He asked if she would marry him, and she said yes, as long as her family agreed.

Pif-paf-poltrie asked Katrinelje about her dowry, which is the money or property a bride brings to her husband when they marry. Katrinelje listed all the things she had, like farthings, dried apples, and other small items.

Then Katrinelje asked Pif-paf-poltrie what his job was. He said it was better than being a tailor, shoemaker, farmer, joiner, smith, or miller. When she guessed he might be a broom-maker, he happily agreed. He

thought it was a fine job, and the story ends with them planning to get married.